

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 44 pending in the case are requested.

Applicants' attorney thanks Primary Examiner Marc Thompson and Examiner Scott Collins for the courtesy of a personal interview conducted April 27, 2005. Claims 1, 38, 40 and 42 were discussed and considered relative to the cited art. It was agreed that the combined limitation in claims 38, 40 and 42 overcome the cited art as presently applied, subject to art found in updated searches. The combination of the limitations in claims 38, 40 and 42 are allowable over the cited art as applied. The interview is summarized in the Interview Summary of April 27, 2005.

Pursuant to the interview, Applicants have combined claims 38, 40 and 42 as New Claim 45. Claims 38, 40 and 42 have been canceled.

Applicants have included the limitations of claims 40 and 42 in independent method claim 1 and apparatus claim 33. Dependent method claims 4, 30 and 31 have been canceled. The dependences of system claims 39, 41, 43 and 44 have been changed to depend upon New Claim 45. Claims 1-3, 5-29, 32-37, 39, 41, 43-45 remain in the case.

No new subject matter has been entered into the case. The amendment of the claims places the application in condition for allowance.

Amendment & Response to
Final Office Action dated March 7, 2005

CONCLUSION

Having amended the application to comport with the agreement reached at the personal interview of April 27, 2005 and place the application in condition for allowance, subject to update searches, Applicants request entry of the amendment, allowance of claims 1-3, 5-29, 32-37, 39, 41, 43-45 and passage to issue of the case.

AUTHORIZATION

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge all required fees, fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or all required extension of time fees for this paper to Deposit Account Number 13-4503, Order 4208-4064.

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